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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN REACTION TO U.S. STATEMENT ON PALESTINIANS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14 ALGERIAN MEDIA HAVE REPORTED TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT ON PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS AND REACTION THERETO IN REMARKABLY POSITIVE WAY, AND ONE ALGERIAN EDITORIAL PRINTED TO DATE HAS BEEN POSITIVE AS WELL.

2. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN FRENCH, "EL-MOUDJAHID", REPORTS TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT AND INITIAL INDICATIONS OF PALESTINIAN SATISFACTION UNDER BOLD PAGE-ONE HEADLINE SEPTEMBER 13: "GENEVA CONFERENCE: U.S. BELIEVES PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION INDISPENSIBLE." GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN ARABIC, "ASH-SHA'B", HEADLINES ON PAGE ONE SEPTEMBER 13: "WASHINGTON DEFINES ITS POSITION ON PARTICIPATION OF PALESTINIANS AT GENEVA."

3. ON SEPTEMBER 14, "EL-MOUDJAHID" REPEATS POSITIVE HEADLINE, BUT COMBINES THIS GEORGE HABASH'S ATTACK "GENEVA CONFERENCE: PLO WELCOMES AMERICAN DECLARATION
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WITH MITIGATED SATISFACTION. 'TRAP LAID FOR PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE', DECLARES GEORGE HABASH ON DEPARTURE FROM ALGIERS."

4. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL APPEARING IN "ASH-SHA'B" SEPTEMBER 14 UNDER TITLE "A STEP, BUT...." EXPRESSES CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM: "STATE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT, WHICH

FOR FIRST TIME INCLUDES U.S. ADMISSION OF NEED TO INCLUDE PALESTINIANS IN GENEVA CONFERENCE, HAS STIMULATED DIFFERENT REACTIONS. SOME CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT STEP ON ROAD TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION. ANYONE STUDYING IT CANNOT DENY CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AMERICAN INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY OBJECTIVE ELEMENTS THAT REQUIRE EXPLANATION BEFORE WE CAN KNOW DIRECTION THIS 'STEP' WILL TAKE US." END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. MFA DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ABERKANE AND DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AZOUT AGREED IN DISCUSSION WITH PAO SEPTEMBER 13 THAT STATEMENT WAS "IMPORTANT INITIATIVE" AND THAT USG'S REFERENCE TO "PALESTINIANS" INSTEAD OF "PLO" OR ANY OTHER GROUPING "COULD BE LIVED WITH." HAYNES

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